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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/007998

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, 1-5, 7-19, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, 6, 6/1, filed with the letter of 05 February 2004 (05.02.2004)

 the claims:

pages _____, 2-10, 12-20, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, 1, 11, filed with the letter of 05 February 2004 (05.02.2004)

 the drawings:

pages _____, 1-12, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 20	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 4-265075 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 21 September 1992

Document 2: JP 7-154646 A (Sony Corp.), 16 June 1995

Document 3: JP 9-65173 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 07 March 1997

Document 4: JP 3-158076 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 08 July 1991

Claims 1-20

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1-20 are not laid open in documents 1-3 cited in the international search report or in newly cited document 4, and are not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Specifically, the feature of "integrating one field from the luminance component of this supplied output video signal, which is less than or equal to a second luminance level that is less than or equal to the abovementioned first luminance level," is not laid open in any of the documents.